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Sri K. Varadarajan of Salem is 60 Years Young



Sri K. Varadarajan of Salem former District Secretary, Assistant District Commissioner and Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, is 60 years young. Last month the District Association of Salem, Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated his 60th birthday, "Shashtiabdhapoorthy" with great enthusiasm and tributes

were paid to him for the services he had rendered to the public in general and to the Scout Movement in particular. The leading men of the Town took part in the proceedings signifying thereby their appreciation of the good work Mr K. Varadarajan has been doing and is doing. Sri K. Varadarajan is by nature an unostentatious worker. He never pushes himself forward and works for name or fame. He is intent upon the services that can be rendered and rendered efficiently than anything else. He had always put service before self. He is blunt and with a rough exterior but has always shown the true Scout spirit in his dealings with the movement and with the people.

At his age he is very active and pains-taking and hard working and never spares himself. I have seen him at

work both in the camps and outside and at the Mahamahakham service at Kumbakonam he stuck to his duty from morning till evening without caring for food or rest, though he got completely exhausted in his effort to help the old particularly the women folk to move on in the crowd and not get crushed or injured. His was a fine example worthy of emulation by one and all and I have always admired his candid expression of his views without fear or favour.

I remember, going a hunting for a Secretary, years ago in the Salem District Association, in company with Mr. A. V. Sundaresan, who was then in Salem, now Headmaster of the Jain High School at Madras. Mr. Varadarajan, at that time in addition to his professional work, as a leading lawyer, he had taken interest in sports and was the secretary of the Griggs Memorial sports of the District. When I met him he was reluctant to take up Scouting and said that he knew nothing and therefore I should find someone else who knows something of Scouting. I had to convince him that his interest in sports, in public service, and willingness to serve are sufficient qualifications for taking up Scout

Secretaryship with his capacity to learn things, he can easily pick up Scouting and he yielded. I won my case and was happy that we were able to secure his services.

Recently a few months ago, he gave up his secretaryship making place to a younger worker. If today, we must attribute to the success of Scouting and the strong hold that Salem is to any one it must be for two people, one is the late Sri K. Nachiappa Gounder and the other person is undoubtedly Sri K. Varadarajan.

It may be asked that what is the reward that Sri Varadarajan has received from such a long period of service. What ever may be the reward, he may get either from the public or from the Scout movement by way of awards, as officially termed, the inner satisfaction and the joy that comes out of having done a job well, to one's own satisfaction much more than the recognition that one may get from outside, is itself sufficient reward, if reward one must look for. On this occasion we wish Sri K. Varadarajan, many more years of service and happiness that comes out of true service.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,
State Secretary

22nd February, 1958.

Dear State Commissioner,

Sub: H.W.B.Camp (Guide Section)

This year it is being proposed to hold two H.W.B. Training Camps. Please see that the qualified Guiders don't miss the chance of attending the same and do let me know by the 30th of March about the Guiders who are attending.

1. Bangalore : Place	Guide Headquarters, 4, Seshadri Road, Bangalore.
Dates :	5th to 14th May.
Fee :	Rs. 2.50 per day.
Incharge	Mrs. C Mohini, Camp Chief (Guides)
Helper	Miss. D. Job, S. O. C (G)

2. I have not yet been able to finalise the details of the second camp but most probably it will be in Darjeeling from 25th May for 10 days. I will be sending you the details of this camp as soon as possible. But I think this information will help to plan.

After hearing from you, I will send the necessary forms.

Hoping to get a good response and with Good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
C. MOHINI
Camp Chief (Guides)

The State Commissioner (Guides)
The Bharat Scouts and Guides.

The World Chief Guide

WHEN on tour in Australia, the World Chief Guide Olve, Lady Baden-Powell was suddenly taken ill and had an emergency operation on 1st January 1958 in a Hospital at Portland Victoria. It has been a great relief to hear that her operation was successful and that she has wonderfully recovered. Dame Leslie Whateley, Director the World Bureau writes:—

Further to W. B. 1006, I am delighted to let you know the source of my next bulletin concerning the progress of the World Chief Guide is Lady Baden-Powell herself.

I would like to share with you the following extracts from her letter dated 9th January received by me today, partly written in her own handwriting, and in her own inimitable way.

“Before I knew where I was I had my first ride in an ambulance and my first visit to hospital and I have never looked back. On recovery, my first remark on seeing a nurse standing there was “Hellow! Do sit down!” Famous first words rather than famous last words! Olwen Smyth has been truly magnificent, coping with television, press and enquiries, and I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the sweet messages, the bundles of glorious flowers

and utter kindness of everybody seeing me through this momentous occasion in my life. The messages have come from many corners of the earth and a little card will be sent out next week to them all. Meanwhile, do make this good news known to all my friends around you, and I do thank you so much for your special thoughts and prayers. I am planning to continue the Tour, which D. V., won't be too much, and I have now a fair number of days ahead for doing nothing but laying quiet and getting strong—ready for the next lap of the Tour..I am doing splendidly. It has been a great experience--and a miracle happening as and when and where it did”.

I know how happy you will all be to have this news, and I do not need to tell you how deeply your heartfelt prayers and good wishes for her recovery have been appreciated by the World Chief Guide.

THROUGH RESULTS

It is through the results of Scout training that our Movement has its place in the sun. Pray God that it will stay there, with all of you of this generation continuing to guard and to guide it aright, and giving as you do in your turn of your splendest best to this plan, that my beloved man handed to you half a century ago.

Air Scouting

AN Air Scout is a Scout who is interested in aeroplanes and everything connected with them. He can enjoy all the activities of Scouting, and at the same time pursue his interest in aviation learning how the various Scout tests can be applied to flying. For example, the reef knot is used to join a break in a glider tow wire, and the accurate use of a compass is the first essential for air navigation.

Air Scouts make the same Promise, obey the same Laws and pass the same Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class tests as Scouts and Sea Scouts, but in addition to this normal Scout work, they will visit airfields with their Troop or Patrol, and are usually enthusiastic aeromodellers.

An Air Scout's interest in the weather, the stars, what makes an aircraft fly, aircraft recognition and air navigation will lead him to study for the special proficiency badges that deal with

these subjects. He will also take a full share in the outdoor activities of his Troop, especially camping, for he realises that he wishes to become a member of an aircraft's crew he must keep himself fit.

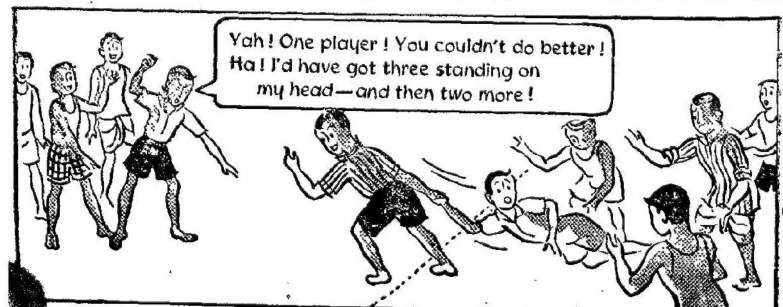
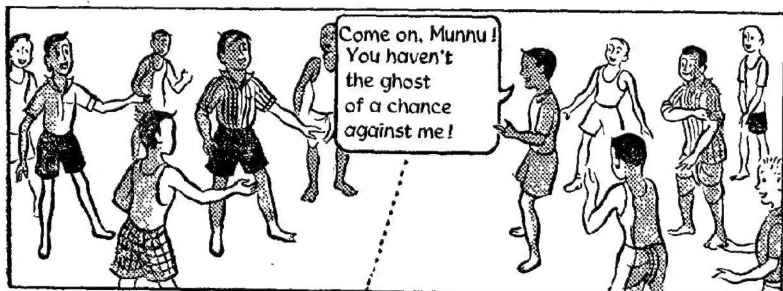
The air Scouts uniform consists of dark blue shorts and cap with grey shirt and stockings and Troop scarf. The attractive badge illustrated at the top of the page is worn over the left pocket of the shirt.

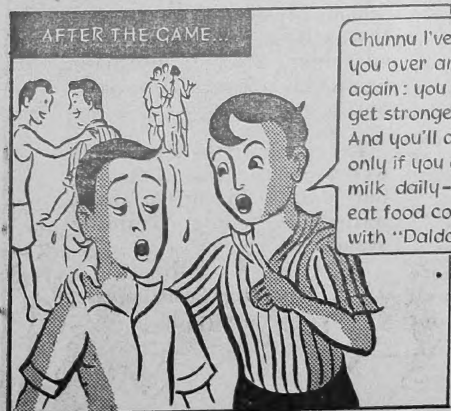
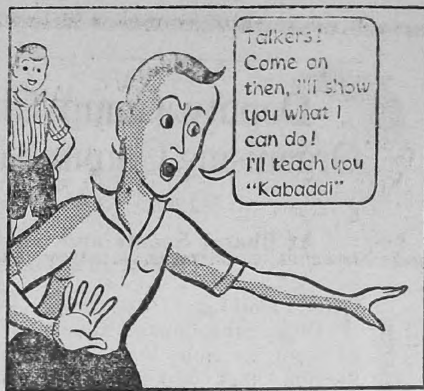
You can join the Air Scouts by becoming a member of an Air Scout Patrol attached to an ordinary Troop, or by joining an Air Scout Troop or Senior Air Scout Troop; but there are no Air Cubs.

Air Scout Troops who fulfil certain requirements can obtain Royal Air Force "Recognition" which among other benefits, enable First Class Scouts of that Troop to fly as passengers in R. A. F. planes provided they have the written permission of their parents.

The above applies to U. K. only

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Deputy Camp Chiefs and State Organising Commissioners Conference

22nd — 24th February, 1958

**At Bharat Scouts and Guides Camping Grounds,
Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi**

THE Camp Chiefs' and State Organising Commissioners of Scout Section and Guide Section met separately at Bharat Scouts and Guides Camping Grounds, Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi from 22nd - 24th Feb. 1958. to discuss the Training Programmes.

The death of Sri Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, Central Government took place the previous night and so the delegates of the Conference went to pay their homages at the funeral procession, to the Veteran Minister who played a notable part in bringing about the merger of our Associations.

Most of the States were represented at the Conference Mrs. C. Mohini, Camp Chief (Guides) presided over the sessions. The well-known Trainer Miss. Asha was there, making valuable contributions out of her wide experience in Training in all branches of Guide activities. Mrs. Tarabai and Mrs. Patwardhan also attended the Conference.

It was decided to run more Advance Training Camps in all States. The programme for

higher Training chalked out includes one Himalaya Wood Badge Course in Bangalore in May, 5th-14th and another Himalaya Wood Badge Training in Darjeeling, later in May, 1958. (Those Guiders who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity, please apply immediately through the respective District Commissioners to the Headquarters. All warranted guiders with three or more years of experience are allowed to take Himalaya Wood Badge Training).

The revision of the Scheme of Training was the main work undertaken by the Conference. There was a joint session with Scout D.C.Cs. on Rural upliftment Scheme presided over by Sri Vivian Bose, National Commissioner, Sri J. I. Muthiah, Camp Chief (Scouts) also spoke on the same subject.

Every one of us felt it was well worth the time, thrashing out points to bring about uniformity in Training standards.

C. JOHN,
State Org. Commissioner.
(Guides)

“Scouting & Extension Programme”

In order to enable the Gramasevaks, while under training, to be “Rover Scouts” and to instil in them a spirit of service proper sense of discipline and organisation and to help them to equip themselves as good citizens, arrangements are now completed to give them good training.

Twenty four instructors of from the Eight Rural Extension Training Centres, were given training as Rover Scout Leaders at Bannari Village, near Bhavanisagar.

The Camp was laid near a Reserve forest and at the Bannari Village at the foot of the hills connecting Satyamangalam area and Mysore State on the other side. The campers were lodged in Tents, kindly lent by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore.

Mr. M. Rajagopalan, D.C.C. State Organising Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, was in charge of the course, assisted by Mr. R. Messiah Doss, A.D.C.C. State Organising Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides. Sri M. Ram Mohan, A.D.C.C. Chief Organiser, Village Youth Leadership, who was also present in camp, also assisted the camp as an Asst. Camp Officer. The Camp was further helped by Sri P. Gopal, a Rover Scout Officer, Madras who acted as Trainer in Tests and Scoutcraft.

The camp was held from the 4th February, to 12th Feb. '58 and was successfully gone through.

Mr. J. H. S. Ponnayya, Principal, Rural Extension Training Centre, Bhavanisagar was in charge of all arrangements for the camp as camp Secretary and spared no pains to ensure the success of the camp in all its details. He was supported and assisted by Messrs. Kasiviswanathan, Agronomist at Bhavanisagar, Ganapathy, Kuppuswamy and Sivaramakrishnan. Instructors, in Agriculture, Bhavanisagar to whom the camp is greatly indebted for all help.

The thanks of the campers are also due to the camp officers and to Mr. J. N. S. Ponnayya, for the careful arrangements made previously for the camp. Mr. Gopinath of Bhavanisagar also helped the campers in running the Mess.

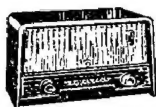
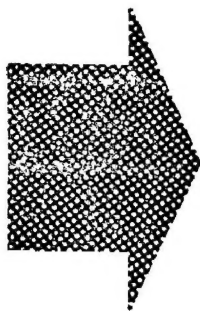
It is gratifying to record that the reports of steps that are being taken to organise the Rover crews are being received and it promises a good prospect of training for the gramasevaks.

Further report will be later published, as to what will be the action programme at a later date.

M. RAM MOHAN,
Chief Organiser
Village Youth Leadership
Madras-2.

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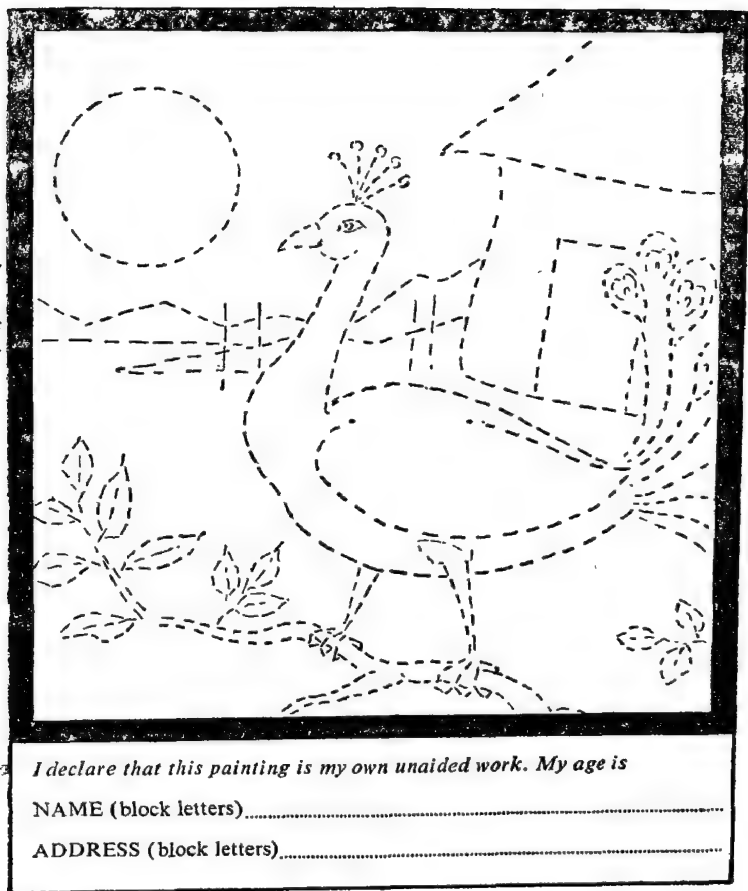
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Sea Scouts

SEA Scouting is a branch of Scouting. A good sea Scout is a good Scout; he makes the same Promise and keeps the same Scout law. He is a Scout who carries out his Scouting on the water. The Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Tests are so designed that if properly taught they are all good seamanship.

It is not only on the coast that Sea Scouts will be found; excellent Troops flourish on inland water ways miles from the sea. As long as there is water within reach deep enough to float a boat, Sea Scouts can be run with success.

Boatwork is only one side of Sea Scout training but it is a most important one. There is probably no exercise in the world which will develop body and muscles in the way that boat-pulling will, while the skill required and the thrill of sailing even a small dinghy need to be experienced to be realised. Most important still is the fact that boats

work teaches discipline. "A Scout obeys orders without question", and it is so obvious in a boat that every order of the cox'n must be obeyed and obeyed at once—that obedience without question becomes second nature.

A Sea Scout learns to be quick with his hands; he learns to look after boats and their gear; how to scrape and paint them and to do small repairs.. He also learns that he must be able to do his tests under practical conditions; he finds that it is no good knowing how to make a bend or hitch in the warm and comfort of his Headquarters; he may find himself in a boat in the dark, hanging with one hand and having to do that round turn and two half-hitches with his one free hand. He finds that he must be able to signal over a distance, perhaps from a small boat which is pitching and tossing; and above all he finds that he must do a job well and truly the first time, for very often there is no second chance in Sea Scouting.

The Bharat Scouts & Guides

MADRAS STATE

WENLOCK PARK,
P. B. 424, Madras-5
7-5-1958

Himalaya Wood Badge Courses Part II (Practical) National Training Centre, Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh

6th May to 6th June, 1958

1. Eligibility: Candidates must have attended the appropriate Preliminary Training Courses and rendered approved service at least for three years as Warranted Officers.
Or
Candidates must have successfully gone through the advanced Training Courses corresponding to the Himalaya Wood Badge Courses they wish to attend and served at least one year as Warranted Officers.
2. Dates: Cub Course ... 6th to 15th May, 1958.
Scout Course ... 16th to 27th May, 1958.
Rover Course... 28th May to 6th June, 1958.
3. Camp Fees: Rs. 25/- for the Cub Course
Rs. 30/- for the Scout Course
Rs. 25/- for the Rover Course
4. Advance Fee: No application will be entertained unless an advance camp fee of Rs. 5/- accompanies it.
5. Last date of Application at the National Headquarters. } 4th April, 1958 for all the three Camps.
6. Recommendation: Every candidate will send his application through the State Secretary, duly recommended and signed by the District Commissioner concerned.

7. Particulars: The application will contain the following particulars:—
- (a) Name in block letters (b) Age
 - (c) Address (for sending notices)
 - (d) Training Courses attended (e) Whether Part I already attempted
 - (f) Warrant number and date
 - (g) Scout experiences.

All the Applications giving the above details duly recommended by the District Commissioner concerned should be sent along with Rs. 5/- for each application so as to reach the State Headquarters on or before 31st March 1958.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY,

State Secretary.

N.B.—Pachmarhi is the Hill Station in Madhya Pradesh and it will be very pleasant right through summer. The Railway fare from Madras to Pippariya (via) Itarsi—III Class Mail is about Rs. 30/- and from Pippariya to the hills, Bus fare will be about Rs. 3/-. The usual Concession by Railway is always available and can be taken advantage of by those who are willing to attend these courses.

Correct Pronunciation of the Founder's Name

In the January issue of the 'Guider', K. J. Strong wrote:—

"Would it be possible in Centenary Year to make a real effort to teach members of the Movement how to pronounce the Founder's name? It must be intensely trying for the Chief Guide so constantly to hear Baden-Powell pronounced so as to rhyme with the towel on which we dry our hands, instead of correctly to rhyme with Nowell. This incorrect pronunciation is often heard, not only from individuals, but in broadcasts and on public occasions, and surely we ought to try to rectify this. If Trainers would stress the right pronunciation at trainings, and every Guider would make a point of teaching it to her recruits, we should in this way honour the Founder's name at least by pronouncing it correctly".

In the February issue of "The Guider" appears the following "Verse" attributed to B.P. himself:—

Man, matron, maiden,
Please call me Baden,
Further, for Powell,
Rhyme it with Noel. — THE WARATAH.

Guiders Conference at Lower Anicut, Kumbakonam, March 8th & 9th, 1958

A conference of Guiders was held at Lower Anicut, Kumbakonam, on the 8th and 9th of March, 1958. The participants were guest of the Local Association of Kumbakonam. Delegates came from Kumbakonam, Tanjore, Pattukottai, Mayavaram and Madurai.

Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) and Miss. A. G. Karkare, of the World Bureau, Travelling Commissioner for Asian Area took part in the same. The Guide Commissioners, Guiders and Flock Leaders had a useful time to discuss various problems with the State Commissioner (Guides). Topics such as Better Guiding, Uniforms, Registration, Organisation, Parental Public relations and Finance were dealt with by the State Commissioner (Guides). Sri K. S. Seshadry, Asst. State Commissioner (Scouts) brought out the practical problems of the area with suggestions to cope with them. The guiders took a lively part in the discussions. Miss. Karkare, as Travelling Commissioner, was much interested to study the local problems.

Her talk on the set up of the World Bureau, its functions and relationship with

the member countries was very enlightening. She specially stressed the significance and value of each Guide and Bulbul paying her Capitation Fee, which makes her feel she belongs to the great World Association and is a member of the same. Out of the four annas she pays, one anna goes to the District Association to which she belongs and one anna to her State and the third to the National and her fourth anna goes to the World Bureau and gives her the pride that she has a part in the world wide activities of the World Bureau. Thus she has an important share in making it possible for the World Bureau to have programmes for Exchange Trainers and giving Training to Guiders of different Countries at the World Training Centres such as Foxlease, Waddow and Our Chalet. Out of the Thinking Day Fund, £. 1,000 came back to India for Refugee Guiders work.

The next day was taken up for practical work, giving the necessary technical training to the Flock Leaders and Guiders, who participated in the Conference.

The Conference offered a valuable opportunity for personal contact with Commissioners, Guiders, Flock

Leaders and members of the Local Association and every one felt it was a very profitable week end.

(C. JOHN)

State Org. Commissioner (Guides)

N.B. Capitation fee paid by the State or paid from spe-

cial Fee Funds from Schools on behalf of the Scouts and Guides loses its real significance as pointed out above.

Capitation Fee & Thinking Day collection are due before the end of March.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Post Box 127

Circular No. 48/57.

Regal Bldg., Parliament St.,
New Delhi, February 15, 1958.

To The State Secretaries,

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Indian Union.

Dear Friends,

16th International Conference Resolutions

I give below copies of a few Resolutions passed at the 16th International Conference, held at Cambridge, England, from the 14th to 16th August, 1957, forwarded to us by the Boy Scouts International Bureau, London. Please give publicity to these in your respective State Magazines.

"Resolution No. III—Far East Scout Advisory Committee"

The Conference welcomes the inauguration of the Far East Scout Advisory Committee and believes that this body will, and in consultation with the International Bureau, prove a valuable means of stimulating Scouting both nationally and internationally throughout the Far East Region."

"Resolution No. X—International Fellowship"

The conference welcomes the gradual progress of the IFOFSAGE and renews its recommendation to member countries to secure the organised support of former scouts."

"Resolution No XVII—Tribute to the Scouter"

The Conference records with great pleasure the selfless devotion to duty of the Scouter, who spends his time training the Boy in the game of Scouting, and pays tribute to his work.

The fine and noble example of the great company of Scouters of the world in the past fifty years will inspire those who follow in the years to come."

"Resolution No. XVIII – The Founder

The Conference pays tribute and honours the memory of our Founder, B.-P., whose genius and spirit has created Scouting for Boys. His example and devotion to the boy will inspire and guide us always."

"Resolution No. XIX – Keynote Resolution

The Conference, as the central body of the Boy Scouts World Brotherhood, on the occasion of its Founder's Centenary and Fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Scouting in the world, reaffirms its faith in the fundamental principles of Scouting as founded by the former Chief Scout of the World, the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

1. Duty to God.
2. Loyalty to one's own country.
3. Faith in world friendship and brotherhood.
4. Accepting, freely undertaking and practising the ideals set forth in the Scout Law and Promise.
5. Independence of political influence.
6. Voluntary membership.
7. The unique system of training, based on the Patrol System, activities in the open air and learning by doing.
8. Service to others.

The conference firmly believes that these principles, which have proved so successful, strongly contribute towards the formation of character in the boy of today, the man of tomorrow, to the great benefit of every nation, and through the spread of understanding and unity of purpose, of the world as a whole. May this be our endeavour in the strengthening of freedom and peace."

Yours sincerely,
K. G. VAIDYANATHN,
National Secretary

P. S.—A few other resolutions passed at the above Conference are also reproduced below:—

Appreciation No. XVI

On the retirement of Colonel John Skinner Wilson as the Honorary-President of the International Committee, the Conference expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation for the devoted and most efficient services rendered to World Scouting. His outstanding record of service as a disciple of B.-P. will remain an inspiration to us all. We offer him our unbounded admiration.

Resolution No. XVI—1959 Jamboree and Conference

The Conference accepts with pleasure the kind invitation of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines to hold the 10th World Jamboree in their country and that of the Bharat Scouts and Guides to hold the 17th International Conference in India, during 1959.

The NEW ADDRESS of the Boy Scouts International Bureau as from 1st January 1958 is given below :—

The Commonwealth Building,
77 Metcalfe Street,
Ottawa 4, Canada.

DISTRICTS AT WORK

THE DHANVANTRI SCOUT GROUP

2nd Triplicane, Madras-5

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Day Celebration was held on Sunday the 2nd March, 1958 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane Madras-5. After an interesting garden games for visitors, Sports for Ladies, Gents and Children, the function began with the review of units by the Chief guest of the evening Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. After welcome speech by one of our officers, the President of the evening gave an interesting and educative speech. During the course of his talk, he said, Dhanvantri is a great Doctor. General members in the Scout movement are supposed to be hale and healthy. Hence, the members of the Dhanvantri Scout Group, must be always strong, healthy and good and active as they bear the name

of a Great Doctor of our tradition. He further appealed to one and all in particular to those parents who were present on the occasion to enroll their children in this great movement which trains the youngsters to become good citizens of the future of our Nation.

The Group Leader Sri S. Venkatraman, read the Annual Report of the Group covering events and activities of the group for the year ending 1957. After this, prizes for the winners of the group and for the visitors who won in garden games, sports for ladies, gents and children were distributed. This was followed by Scout Demonstration. After this the Camp-fire was declared open by Sri M. M. A. Nawaz, one of the old scouters, who spoke on the significance of the Camp-fire. There were many interesting Campfire items given by the members of the group.

Amongst the other items, the Kathakalashepam by the Rovers, on the development of of Dhanvantri Scout Group since its inception, was a noteworthy one. The pleasant function came to a close at 8 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem.

The members present included Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, Sri M. Rajagopalan, State Org. Commissioner, Sri M. Ram Mohan, Chief Organiser, Village Youth Leadership, and Sri M. D. Janardhanam, District Commissioner, East Madras and Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillai

COONOR NILGIRI DISTRICT Teachers Meeting

A Meeting of men and women teachers of all Coonoor Municipal Schools was held at the Municipal Office, Coonoor, on Tuesday the 11th February 1958 at 4-30 p.m. at which about 30 to 40 teachers were present. The meeting was Presided over by Sri Rajagopalan, M.A., Commissioner, Coonoor Municipality.

After prayer Janab Abdul Salam, Chairman, Coonoor Municipality inaugurated the meeting and the President spoke about the Training in Scout craft which will be useful to the boys and girls in their future life and it will enable them to serve others and prepare them for future life.

He appealed to every one to start Cubbing and Guiding in schools. Further he asked the teachers to put forth their difficulties etc.

Sri V. P. Ramaswami, Assistant Deputy Camp chief and the Hony. District Secretary, the Bharat Scouts and Guides, spoke about the History of the Movement in India and How the Bharat Scouts and Guides in India are working from 7th November 1950 onwards.

Many teachers asked questions about the Uniform for the poor boys, Training of Teachers, change of various tests, remuneration of Scout and Guide teachers which were explained very satisfactorily by the speaker.

The result of the meeting is that seven Cub Packs and 7 Bulbul Flocks were started in schools which will be registered at the Headquarters during the end of this month. The Commissioner is willing to supply necessary books and registration fee to the schools.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the District Commissioner (Scouts and the District Commissioner (Guides) were not present at the meeting.

The District Commissioner Guides had sent a wire wishing the meeting all success.

NORTH MADRAS

Scoutmasters' Training Course

Under the auspices of the North Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides a Scoutmasters' Training Course (Preliminary ; Non-continuous) was organised from 27th January to 2nd March 1958. Thirtysix candidates (seventeen from North Madras ; Ten from East Madras and nine from Central Madras) availed of this opportunity. The week-end classes, were conducted at Pachaiyappa's College School and Dr. G. M. T. T. V. High School grounds. The course was inaugurated on 25-1-'58 by Sri T. Chengalvaroya Pillai, Headmaster, Pachaiyappa's College School and a Vice-President of the Association. Mr. Isaac Albert, District Educational Officer, North Madras was kind enough to pay a visit and address the trainees on 8-2-58 on value of Scouting. The trainees had their final camp for 3 days at Camp Tonakela, Avadi from 28-2-'58 to 2-3-58. The syllabus as given in Scheme of Training issued by the National Headquarters, New Delhi was gone through. Mr. M. Nooruddin, A.D.C.C., our District Scout Commissioner was in charge of the course. He was ably assisted by Messrs K. M. Koshy, J. Jayaraj and M. H. A. Kirmani. The trainees had an enjoyable and profitable time at the camp when all precepts were put into practice. The

Camp authorities, Sri N. Perumal Naidu in particular, deserve our sincere thanks for providing all facilities to make the camp a success. We hope that the trainees will prove an asset to scouting in general and to the District they came from, in particular.

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Hony. Secretary.

CENTRAL MADRAS

The 28th Annual Rally and Public meeting of the Central Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides was held at Wesley High School grounds on Saturday, 1st of March 1958. Nearly 600 Scouts and Guides were present.

There was a March Past of the Scouts and Guides at which the President Mr. K. M. Cherian took the salute. It was followed by a Rally at which Mr. Cherian inspected all the Units. Then the meeting began with Mr. Cherian in the chair. Mr. K. M. Koshy the District Commissioner-Scouts, welcomed the gathering. Mr. R. P. Joseph, Secretary, read the annual report. The Scouts and Guides gave a display of their activities. The President, in his address, exhorted the Scouts and Guides to make the best use of the great opportunities they had, to train themselves to become great leaders of this great land. Mrs. Cherian distributed the Trophies and Certificates.